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What is claimed is:

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1 1. A method for searching files stored on a network, comprising:
2 accessing a first file on the network;
3 downloading data from the first file; and
4 setting an accessing time to access a second file based on said data
5 downloaded from the first file.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the second file is the same as the first file.

1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting a second file to download
2 based on said data downloaded from the first file.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the first file comprises a channel definition
2 file (CDF).

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said setting an accessing time comprises:
2 analyzing the data from the first file to determine when a second file is
3 scheduled to be updated; and

4 assigning the accessing time based on when the second file is scheduled to
5 be updated.

1 6. The method of claim 3, wherein said setting an accessing time comprises:

2 analyzing the data from the first file to determine when a second file is
3 scheduled to be updated; and

4 assigning the accessing time based on when the second file is scheduled to
5 be updated.

1 7. A method for searching files on a network, comprising:

2 accessing a server on the network;

3 downloading data from a first file; and

4 setting an accessing time to re-access the server based on said data

5 downloaded from the first file.

1 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

2 accessing the server using the accessing time; and

3 downloading a second file from the server.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the second file is the same as the first file.

1 10. The method of claim 7, further comprising selecting a second file to
2 download based on said data downloaded from the first file.

1 11. The method of claim 8, further comprising selecting a second file to
2 download based on said data downloaded from the first file.

1 12. The method of claim 7, wherein the first file comprises a channel definition
2 file (CDF).

1 13. The method of claim 7, wherein said setting an accessing time comprises:
2 analyzing the data from the first file to determine when a second file is
3 scheduled to be updated; and
4 assigning the accessing time based on when the second file is scheduled to
5 be updated.

1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the accessing time is after the scheduled
2 update of the second file.

1 15. The method of claim 8, wherein said setting an accessing time comprises:
2 analyzing the data from the first file to determine when a second file is
3 scheduled to be updated; and

4 assigning the accessing time based on when the second file is scheduled to
5 be updated.

16. The method of claim 10, wherein setting an accessing time comprises:

2 analyzing the data from the first file to determine when a second file is
3 scheduled to be updated; and

4 assigning the accessing time based on when the second file is scheduled to
5 be updated.

1 17. A system comprising a machine readable recording medium storing a

2 program for searching through files stored on a network, said program including

3 executable instructions for:

4 accessing a first file on the network; and

5 downloading data from the first file; and

6 setting an accessing time to access a second file based on said data

7 downloaded from the first file.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein the second file is the same as the first file.

1 19. The system of claim 17, further comprising selecting a second file to access
2 based on said data downloaded from the first file.

1 20. The system of claim 17, wherein the first file comprises a channel definition
2 file (CDF).

1 21. The system of claim 17, wherein setting an accessing time comprises:
2 analyzing the data from the first file to determine when a second file is
3 scheduled to be updated; and
4 assigning the accessing time based on when the second file is scheduled to
5 be updated.

1 22. The system of claim 19, wherein setting an accessing time comprises:
2 analyzing the data from the first file to determine when a second file is
3 scheduled to be updated; and
4 assigning the accessing time based on when the second file is scheduled to
5 be updated.

1 23. A system for searching files stored on a network, comprising:
2 means for accessing a first file on the network;
3 means for downloading data from the first file; and
4 means for setting an accessing time to access a second file based on said
5 data downloaded from the first file.